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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO BOKASSA'S

SEPTEMBER 26 LETTER

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 20 FROM PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO BOKASSA'S SEPTEMBER 26 LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT:

J'AI L'HONNEUR D'ACCUSER RECEPTION DE VOTRE LETTRE DU 26 SEPTEMBRE AINSI QUE DE VOTRE MESSAGE PERSONNEL DE BONS VOEUX QUI M'A ETE REMIS PAR VOTRE ENVOYE SPECIAL,
MONSIEUR JOSEPH POTOLOT, MINISTRE D'ETAT.

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J'AI ETE HEUREUX D' APPRENDRE COMBIEN VOUS

ESTIMIEZ LA CONTRIBUTION QUE NOTRE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
MONSIEUR WILLIAM L. SWING, A APORTEE AU RENFORCEMENT DES
RELATIONS AMICALES ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS. J'ATTACHE UNE
GRANDE IMPORTANCE A CES RELATIONS AINSI QU'A L'ESPRIT DE
COOPERATION MUTUELLE QUI REGNE ENTRE NOUS, TEL QU'IL A
ETE DEMONTRÉ RECEMMENT AU SEIN DE L'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE DE
L'ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES.

C' EST DANS LE CADRE DE CES LIENS ETROITS QUI UNISSENT

NOS DEUX GOUVERNEMENTS QUE J'AI PRIÉ MONSIEUR SWING DE
RECHERCHER VOTRE CONSENTEMENT POUR LA NOMINATION D'UN
NOUVEL AMBASSADEUR DES ETATS-UNIS DANS VOTRE PAYS. JE
SUIS CONVAINCU QUE LA PERSONNE QUE JE DESIGNERAI VOUS
PARAITRA HAUTEMENT QUALIFIEE POUR REMPLIR CE POSTE
IMPORTANT DANS NOTRE SERVICE DIPLOMATIQUE.

ENFIN, JE TIENS A VOUS ASSURER, MONSIEUR LE
PRESIDENT, QUE SI VOUS VISITEZ NOTRE PAYS A L'AVENIR J'
ESPERE QUE NOUS POURRONS CONVENIR D'UNE DATE QUI NOUS
SOIT MUTUELLEMENT ACCEPTABLE POUR NOUS ENTRETENIR, ICI
A WASHINGTON, AU COURS DE VOTRE SEJOUR.

JE VOUS PRIÉ D'AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LES
ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. GERALD R. FORD
END QUOTE.

2. YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER TEXT
OF LETTER TO BOKASSA UPON HIS RETURN FROM ZAIRE. INSTRUCTIONS RE AGREEMENT CONTAINED SEPTEL.

3. PER REFTEL B, AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MULCAHY,
SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH BOKASSA IN KINSHASA. IF MEETING
ARRANGED MULCAHY WILL INFORM BOKASSA THAT PRESIDENTIAL
RESPONSE HAS BEEN SENT TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BANGUI FOR
DELIVERY. INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN TEXT OF LETTER DELIVERED
TO BOKASSA. ORIGINAL SIGNED LETTER BEING POUCHED UNDER
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